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Demonstrators enter AUSA exhibit at Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

200 Protest DC Arms Bazaar

by Jim Peck

Some 200 pickets marched in front of the Sheraton Park Hotel in suburban Washington, on October 16, the opening day of an armaments exhibit staged by the Association of the US Army. Many of our placards, decorated with the skull and crossbones, said "Stop the Merchants of Death." Across the street two demonstrators with trumpets kept playing taps. The demo was initiated by the Mobilization for Survival.

Olive green army buses filled with men in military uniforms kept pulling up to the hotel. As early as 9:30 am the hotel was crowded with men both in uniform and in civilian clothes. Inside were 50,000 square feet of exhibits by 87 war weapons manufacturers but not one photo of the wartime use of these weapons nor of the destruction which they wreak. Loudspeakers blared out the efficiency of the various wares as though they were selling vacuum cleaners at some trade exhibit. I observed a display of various types of machine guns. Three men were scrutinizing them. One remarked, "I bought this one five years ago." I looked at him to see whether this was a joke but it wasn't.

My reaction to the exhibit was: if only Woody Allen would do a "documentary" on it! Total ridicule, I feel, would be the most effective way of exposing this arms bazaar.

Next day, 16 were arrested. Two had handcuffed themselves to a General Electric Vulcan anti-aircraft gun, which can shoot 3000 bullets a minute. Three others unsuccessfully tried to chain themselves to a balcony overlooking the area where Army Chief of Staff Bernard Rogers was to speak. Others threw a liquid, simulating blood, around the exhibition hall.

Jim Peck is Editor of WRL News.

FROM CHICAGO TO DES MOINES The Second MFS Conference

by David McReynolds

Last December (which now seems so very distant) over 400 people jammed into the meeting hall in Chicago for the first national conference of Mobilization for Survival. Suddenly we had a true national movement, committed to a complete shift in national policy. And that conference, which had so many more people than we had expected, was a tremendous "up." From that conference came the string of actions that climaxed in the Spring events—all the way from Washington state to Rocky Flats to Barnwell to Manhattan to New Hampshire.

This year was "reality time" when the hard problems needed facing and the conference was not very happy about doing it. It was great, last December, to say "Zero Nuclear Weapons - Ban Nuclear Power - Fund Human Needs - End the Arms Race." But it turned out to be vastly harder to think through the programs needed to achieve those objectives.

The Strategy Committee—which M.F.S. had set up—came under attack for having presumed to do the advance thinking it had been asked to do. I was among those on that committee, which the M.F.S. Coordinating Committee had set in

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motion. And I know how many meetings, how many hours, how many nights of coming back from Philadelphia at midnight, went into hammering out the suggestions. I know how hard people from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. had worked at the job they had been assigned, and how widely they circulated the material. I was disturbed that the attacks were less on what the strategy committee brought in, than on the fact any group had done advance work. The theory that the revolution will come from spontaneous combustion is simply not sound—if we really want to move from where we are now to a better world, we need not be ashamed to do some very hard thinking about it.

The conference was further disoriented by what seemed to me a rather odd attempt to totally decentralize the already very loose M.F.S. framework—dissolving the national office and creating four regions. At a time when M.F.S. barely has *any* organization and is struggling to consolidate the bases it has established, it did not seem responsible to begin a series of organizational experiments. (What irked me personally was that no one seemed bothered by the fact the organizational proposals, calling for massive decentralization, had been arrived at in an "elitist and centralized" way by a New York Committee—and had not been made available to the M.F.S. network before the conference began.)

Others will have differing views of structure and strategy—the sharpness of my own comments makes clear there was a fair amount of muddle about the conference. And I think M.F.S. as a whole really has not yet understood that a serious national mass movement must do more than chant "Zero, Ban, Fund, End." It'll have to develop a reasonable network of local groups, build links with the political machinery of the country as we did during the Vietnam war (when we could have real impact on Congress), see the logic of using civil disobedience and mass legal rallies, and understand the need to educate those not in the movement, and reach out to labor and minority groups.

To do these things involves setting short term goals. Yes, twenty-five years from now we want *zero* nuclear weapons. But what is our target *next* year? Do we move closer to the goal of zero by asking for a moratorium on further weapons production? Or should we—as the Trotskyists at the conference argued—simply keep saying "Zero nuclear weapons." There is a legitimate problem here. If our movement is extremely small, we can become totally lost in the complexities of SALT talks, partial or complete test ban agreements, debates over 5% or 10% or 25% cuts in the military budget, etc. If we are very small our real job is making the basic point that the military and nuclear programs now pursued by our leaders are quite wrong—and let someone else deal with the programmatic details, compromises, etc.

However if our movement is fairly large (as I think it is) we cannot leave to others—to the liberal community, for example—the task of formulating our political demands. We need to take responsibility for that, as we had to do during the Vietnam War. At the early stages it was fine for us simply to say "Out Now!" but later in the war, when we had a mass movement and there were serious questions about compelling the U.S. to respond to specific suggestions from the Vietnamese side (such as setting a clear date for withdrawal), "Out Now!" was not a politically responsible slogan.

Certainly one can argue whether M.F.S. is at the stage now when it should set forth limited goals for the next two years—or whether that stage will come later. What cannot seriously be debated, however, is that *if* M.F.S. does become (or is already) a serious movement it must offer clear short term goals to win the broadest possible support—and it was that need to cope with political reality which clearly left some of those in Des Moines unhappy.

In the end a general "time line" was adopted, with the main stress this fall and winter to be on education relating to economics—conversion and transfer problems about which we often know far too little—in an effort to broaden our support to include labor and minority groups. Spring will see decentralized local actions around human needs. August 6-9 would continue to be days of special observance. *October 27* would be the date for a major demonstration in Washington D.C.

The political stress for the period ahead is to a moratorium: on the mining of uranium, its export or import, the production of further nuclear weapons, or plants, and a moratorium on further arms sales. The nuclear and arms moratorium would be combined with strong efforts to shift government funds from the military to civilian needs and to generate full employment by economic conversion programs.

A great deal did get accomplished in Des Moines—the problem being simply that the Des Moines conference was too much like our daily lives; lacking in great drama. It was a weekend of very hard work and those who were distressed at the lack of drama and the need for hard work tended to leave early. Those who stayed to the end were worn out, but not worn down.

David McReynolds is on the WRL national staff.

SEND A MESSAGE TO CARTER

Over the last few months the government has certainly gotten a message from the citizenry—loud and clear: CUT OUR PROPERTY TAXES! CUT ALL TAXES!

However, the government has obviously not gotten clarity on what to cut. Carter seems intent on cutting public works projects while spending more on the neutron bomb and the military.

Use the enclosed card with your income tax return to send the government another message: CUT MILITARY SPENDING, NOT HUMAN NEEDS! Or, send the card to your Congressperson or Carter directly. At least be clear that you are paying your taxes *under protest* or you are *refusing to pay* them at all. Let us be heard!

Mobilization for Survival Time-Line

Fall '78

Demonstrations against the arms bazaar in Washington DC Oct. 16 and in Los Angeles Nov. 14 (See article on page 1)

Research local weapons and nuclear facilities: Provide resources and assistance for local groups to target and examine the manifestations of U.S. militarism and nuclearism. This should be the beginning of a campaign focussing on human needs, and leading to dialogue with workers, coversion plans and direct action.

Oct.-Dec.

Coordinated education campaign: Organize local teach-ins and community forums on all issues and goals of MFS but with special emphasis on human needs, economics, tax costs, jobs and conversion issues. This campaign should begin Oct. 24-31, the week proclaimed by the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament to foster the objectives of disarmament.

Nov. 11-19

Nationally coordinated actions to commemorate Karen Silkwood Day (13th). Contact Supporters of Silkwood: 317 Penna. Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 544-8200.

Winter '78

Nationally coordinated holy season actions: Demonstrate against military, foreign and nuclear policies and call for conversion and safe energy.

Jan. '79

Launch "Year of the Child" with petition campaign: Begin petitioning campaign which incorporates goals of MfS relating to the U.N.'s "Year of the Child."

Feb. '79

Demonstration against "Defense Technology '79", Feb. 18 Chicago.

Apr. '79

"Save Our Children Campaign": Develop local activities focusing on human needs, conversion and transfer, with emphasis on "Year of the Child" theme. Dates to remember when developing these actions include: Mar. 8—International Women's Day, Apr. 4—Assassination of Martin Luther King, Apr. 15—Tax Day, Easter, Passover.

June 3-4

Nationally coordinated community actions at nuclear, military or corporate sites. This is to coincide with international anti-nuclear activities.

Aug. 6-9

Nationally coordinated local demonstrations commemorating Hiroshima & Nagasaki.

Oct. 27

National Demonstration in Washington DC and perhaps on west coast. Organize a national presence in Washington with a mass legal rally and mass nonviolent civil disobedience. This date is tentative, subject to confirmation by energy groups also working towards a mass action. A task force outside of the CC, with representation from each region will be formed to work toward coordinating this action with no nukes groups.

Early Dec. '79

Third Mobilization for Survival National Conference.

Counter-Recruiting: New WRL Program

The WRL National Committee unanimously approved the proposal of the WRL Sexism Task Force to develop a national program around counter-recruiting. The NC, which met from October 7 to 8, emphasized the need to link military recruitment with the unemployment crisis, racism, and class differences existing in our society.

The purpose of the program will be to develop and distribute counter-recruiting literature, identify and train interested people throughout the country, encourage and publicize local direct actions, and build toward a national direct action event. Recognizing the concerted efforts being made to recruit women and coopt women's groups, WRL needs to make special efforts to reach out to and work with women's groups. As indicated above, the same holds true for minorities and the poor. Stress is being laid on person to person contact, local organizing, outreach, and connections among issues.

Helen Michalowski and Dorie Wilsnack of the Sexism Task Force met with the national staff after the NC meeting to work out preliminary details. The first phase of this program will be to collect material, make contact, and develop a more detailed program and timeline. A report on this first phase will be made at the next NC in late March of 1979.

The NC accepted proposals of the Racism Task Force to run a national training workshop on the problems of WRL attracting racial minorities to our efforts and in working with them. WRL will also use *WRL News*, the *Bulletin*, and *WIN* to share information and experiences on minority issues. Other WRL task forces making reports were Class Struggle, Nuclear Power, Disarmament/Peace Conversion, and Prisons.

The National Committee meeting was set during homecoming at Wilmington College in southwest Ohio—the home of the "Fighting Quakers." Larry and Lenna-Mae Gara organized the weekend and entertained most of us the Friday night before the NC was to begin.

A lot of discussion during the weekend centered on the Moscow-Washington action. While enthusiastic

Standing front row: Larry Gara, Ralph DiGia, Allan Solomonow, Murray Rosenblith, Steve Sumerford, Helen Michalowski, Dorie Wilsnack, Clark Field, Nanci Bower, Norma Becker, Inuka Mwanguzi, Audrey Myers; standing back row: Robert Ellsberg, William Douthard, Jim Bristol, Tim Dunn, Vic Shumacher; kneeling: Vickie Aldrich and Linda Darga. Below: Nanci Bower, Steve Sumerford, Dorie Wilsnack, Allan Solomonow, Helen Michalowski, Vickie Aldrich, and Ruth Dear trying to decide whether or not to eat the food. Photos: Ed Hedemann.

over the unprecedented publicity for the League and the issue of disarmament, concern was expressed about cost and the process by which the project was developed.

Steve Sumerford of the WRL/Southeast office reported on progress towards the 1979 National Conference which will likely be held in Tennessee. The theme of the conference will be on racism and class struggle. A Black college will be sought for a conference site.

Among other items, it was decided to have a staff member from the New York City office and the San Francisco office exchange for a month. The purpose of this experiment will be to improve understanding of each other's operation.

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Placing these book in libraries is a *most effective* means of spreading the word on the power of nonviolent action. (A number of WRLers already have written that they have done this, after having read the book.)

FBI DOCUMENTS ON WRL—MOSTLY DELETED

The most recent batch, mailed May 10, contained three documents. One, 80% deleted, dealt with an application of a Vietnam war resister in which he said he belonged to the War Resisters League.

Another, 80% deleted, left standing: "The War Resisters League, a pacifist group, held a demonstration at New York City on Nov. 29 last (1970) to encourage people to refuse to pay war taxes. The demonstrators entered the New York Telephone Co. office and paid their phone bills after deducting the 10% federal tax. They then attempted to purchase a money order with the savings. This money order was to be sent to the Canadian Friends Service Committee which in turn would transmit it to North Vietnam. Postal authorities refused to issue the money order."

The third document, only a third of which was deleted, said: "War Resisters League and War Tax Resistance held a national convention in Milwaukee, Wisc. Jan. 9, 1972. It was agreed that demonstrations would be held at IRS centers in major cities on either April 14 or 17 next. These demonstrations are to be known as 'R Day' and stand for resist, refuse and reform. Participants in the conference discussed the possibility of establishing a 'Revolution City' at the Republican National Convention in San Diego. This would be along the same lines as 'Resurrection City' which was established in Washington D.C. several years ago."

Attached to each of these documents is a sheet confirming that a copy of this vital information had been sent to the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary of State, the Director, CIA, the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, the Department of the Army and Air Force, the Naval Investigative Service, the U.S. Attorney General, and the National Security Agency.

This most recent batch is typical of those which WRL has received over the past few years under the Freedom of Information Act.

A VETERAN EX-CON CELEBRATES HIS 50th ARREST

photo by David McReynolds

Clad in an old-style prison uniform, Jim Peck attends a party Sept. 30 at the home of Jean and Leonard Boudin, to celebrate his 50th arrest. (Since the party first was planned, he has been arrested a 51st time.) At his right is Julius Eichel, the only American to be imprisoned for war resistance in both World Wars 1 and 2.

Jim rented the prison uniform from the same theatrical costumer where he used to rent them in the late 1940s for mass picketing at the White House demanding amnesty for World War 2 resisters.

Asked to make a short speech, Jim concluded: "I want to emphasize that this is NOT a retirement party. I hope to be walking the picket lines till I die."

MIDWESTERN TOUR

Igal Roodenko, past chairman of the League, is planning a tour of the Midwest for the Spring of 1979. The tentative schedule is for starting in the Mobil-New Orleans area in mid-January and working up the Mississippi Valley as far north as Minneapolis/St. Paul, ending up in Michigan and Ohio in May. It will seek to parallel a very successful tour in the Spring of 1977 (see *WRL News* for July-August 1977).

WRL members and friends who are interested in booking him in high schools, colleges, churches, movement groups, radio and TV appearances and press interviews, should contact him at the national office, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012.

Anyone interested in driving with Igal for all or any part of the tour should write him at the office.

A NEW PURPOSE FOR BUYING A NUKE MAP

How do you find a place to relocate your home far, far away from the dangers of a nuclear installation?

"I am planning on moving soon and your map NUCLEAR AMERICA would be invaluable for my needs," wrote Lou Charpentier in a note accompanying his order. (Another map customer unfortunate enough to live near such an installation, asked whether we have any information on downwind conditions.)

First announcement of the NUCLEAR AMERICA maps, designed by Ed and Grace Hedemann, went out to the membership in *January* and orders still come in every day in *August*. It is estimated that 30,000 have been sold thus far. *Price of the maps: 75¢ apiece; for 5 to 24 50¢ each; for 25 to 49, 45¢ each; for 50 to 99, 35¢ each, for 100 and over, 25¢ each.*

REAGAN NAMES PEACE COALITION "SUICIDE LOBBY"

[Reprint of a Radio program entitled "Suicide Lobby" Commentary by Ronald Reagan)

Many years ago during the period called the "cold war," when Americans were very conscious of the threat of subversion, a huge Congress of the International Communist movement was held in Moscow. The meeting adopted a plan for fighting anti-communism. One part of the plan was directed toward the United States and called for a subtle campaign to make anti-communism unfashionable. The idea was to use well meaning liberals and others until an anti-communist would be ridiculed as some kind of right wing nut guilty of "witch hunting" and looking for Reds under the bed." And so, today most people in public life are afraid to hint at a communist conspiracy.

Professor Jeffrey Hart of Dartmouth has documented some facts that reveal that a number of ghosts from the riotous, hate-filled 60's are stalking the land. They can be found in a network of organizations once prominent in the protest against the Vietnam war. Today their goal is support of the SALT II treaties and unilateral disarmament by the United States.

There is a Soviet-dominated international organization known as the World Peace Council. You'll have to admit that has a nice sound. Who's against world peace? Last Spring, Professor Hart says a Council member visited our shores to set up a new combine of anti-nuclear power plant people and advocates of disarmament. We now have M.F.S.—Mobilization For Survival, based in Philadelphia.

Last October, M.F.S. held a conference at Yale and the ghosts appeared—in the flesh. There was Dr. Spock, environmentalist Barry Commoner, Sidney Lens who is hardly on the right side of anything and Daniel Ellsberg who heroically revealed secret documents he was honor bound to protect. It seems the honor wasn't firmly fastened.

Supporting the conference was the War Resisters League, American Friends Service Committee, Women Strike for Peace and others. They were joined by a new group, the Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy.

The M.F.S. group has six task forces working on Congress to cut military spending, drop all new advanced weapons systems and halt the building of nuclear power plants. Halt them that is in our country. They don't seem bothered that the Soviet Union is going all out on its own nuclear power program.

The M.F.S. works closely with the National Center to Slash Military Spending, which is an American arm of the World Peace Council and has in its upper crust a number of veteran members of the United States Communist party. They oppose the cruise missile (for us that is), the B-1 bomber (well that's already scratched) and so, I think is the MX mobile strategic missile. They are against the neutron bomb and anything else new we might come up with. They justify the Russians' huge arsenal on the grounds that the Soviet Union is surrounded by all those hostile nations.

You could call these Americans a suicide lobby, but for heavens sake don't say "conspiracy."

(Note: WRL Executive Committee member Jerry Coffin, working with staff, has arranged a taped response in the name of the group and individuals attacked by Reagan—which will be aired on most or all of the stations that carried the Reagan commentary.)

ONE PARTICIPANT'S REACTION

I had the pleasure of attending and marching in the May 27 rally for disarmament. I was very moved by this nonviolent struggle and would very much like to be enrolled in the War Resisters League.

Kevin Rosborough

Worth Reading From WRL

By Van Zwisohn

The War Resisters League office sells books; and good ones at that! Besides merely being the headquarters of a vital and hard-working peace organization, W.R.L. is one of the few places anywhere that can satisfy your hunger for books and materials of particular interest to pacifists. By mail or in person.

The WRL Literature List cites nearly two hundred items, ranging from dull theory to lively poetry, and while all are worth reading (a theory of mine) the following among them I've found to be especially rewarding and enjoyable.

Revolution and Equilibrium by Barbara Deming, number 128 on the list. A writer of great force and spirit, Ms. Deming chronicles events of the 1960's with a participant'a vision and the discernment of an honest historian. The twenty-five essays collected here cover a visit to Cuba, civil-rights in Birmingham, Peace Marches here and Peace Marches in Moscow, politics, power, psychology and life. Her essays on a visit to Hanoi and an anti-war project in Saigon are particularly gripping and reflect exceptional commitment and skill:

> "I feel very strongly that in the days ahead of us, unless a very great many of us move from words to acts—from words of dissent to acts of disobedience—we are going to have no effect at all upon our government's policy. . .We will need every one of us. We are all part of one another.

Any of Barbara Deming's books are good. This is particularly so in its scope and sensitivity to the moments that make not history, but change. These essays are a powerful antidote to the fashionable *fin de guerre* dis-

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missal of the tremendous social upheavals of the pre-Watergate decade as mostly love-ins and campus frivolity.

Whether you're a city mouse or a country mouse, it's the rats you have to watch out for. Paul and Percival Goodman's *Communitas* is the most successful book I've read about how to design a city without social or ecological disaster, in short, how to live without rats.

It has an irreverently humane point of view and the authors have the wit, style and expertise to put it on paper with great and entertaining effect. *Communitas* is for lay people (it may not be complicated enough to satisfy the experts' need for complication) with good sense and a concern for how we live together. *Communitas* is number 1430 on the list.

War Within Man is a thought-provoking pamphlet in which Erich Fromm postulates the existence of a "necrophilious" (death loving) personality type or aspect to psychologically account for human aggression and apparent drives toward war and destruction. It is a well-reasoned essay (what else!) not for experts only. *War Within Man* sheds light on what is perhaps the crux of a central contradiction: why self destructive and socially destructive behavior is such a *given*, beyond traditional Freudian assertions. Commentary by other psychiatrists and behavioral scientists go far toward pointing out why psychiatry and behavioral science are such narrow-minded flops. The comments by Thomas Merton are wonderful exceptions. Its #1316.

Still, my favorite item on the War Resisters League Mail Order List is the ND button.

It speaks volumes, needs no translation, and is very economical and long wearing. It leads my list of the buttons available from the WRL, a list that includes a *Don't Pay War Taxes* button, an anti-capital punishment button, the very effective *Practice Nonviolence* tags and our own Broken Rifle pin.

The books I've suggested would make good summer (fall-winter-spring) reading. The buttons are for wearing. Order soon.

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A WARDEN AND A PRISONER VIEW OUR CALENDAR

Warden Jack Hanberry of U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta:

"Your publication, WHILE THERE IS A SOUL IN PRISON, mailed to inmate Thomas Eugene Sims, Reg. No. 96038-131 here, has been determined to present a danger to the discipline, good order, and security of this institution, since it encourages prison strikes. This publication will not be delivered to inmates of U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta."

Johnny Imani Harris, prisoner on death row in Alabama:

"As for the 1979 calendar, it's fantastic. I think it couldn't have been done better or with more impact."

If you agree with either of these statements—or with both—you won't want to miss the 1979 calendar. So, send in your $3.50 today ($13.00 for four).

WRL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The War Resisters League affirms that war is a crime against humanity. We therefore are determined not to support any kind of war, international or civil, and to strive nonviolently for the removal of all the causes of war.

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BOOK NOTES

By Sybil Claiborne

I would like to recommend two recent additions to our literature list, one about cities, the other about women. The first is Jane Jacobs' *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* ($2.95).

"Great cities are not like towns only larger. They are not like suburbs, only denser. They differ from towns and suburbs in basic ways...." In her book, Mrs. Jacobs considers these differences, celebrates them and deplores the city planners who try to reduce cities to simple, managable parts. She looks closely at city neighborhoods as an anatomist might scrutinize the bones, muscles and nerves that made up a body, analyzing what makes some neighborhoods good, safe pleasurable places to live while others crush the spirit and threaten the body.

Although this book first appeared in 1961, it is as timely and pertinent as anything written today. In fact all too many of her criticisms have become even grimmer realities, in particular the great social disasters of the low-income, high-rise projects which isolate and endanger their occupants and make their lives a nightmare.

Diversity is what gives a city strength and health and this book is about the ways in which that diversity is either destroyed or nurtured. This book enlarges our understanding of

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Disarmament Cartoons

If you are reading the funnies page of your local newspaper and find to your delight a cartoon which deals with the issues of disarmament or could be used in a discussion of the issues, please send it immediately to:

The Disarmament Cartoon Collection
811 E. 47th St.
Kansas City, Mo. 64110

OPTS FOR CONTRIBUTION TO WRL INSTEAD OF BIRTHDAY DINNER

"Enclosed is $25 from Irene Davidson," writes Ann Adams, a Los Angeles WRLer. "She had called and invited me to dinner for my birthday—at an expensive restaurant. I said: "No, I don't want you spending money for that. If you want to remember my birthday, I'd prefer you give a donation to the War Resisters League.

"She agreed to make a contribution equal to the cost of the dinner. Hence, the enclosed $25. I will send you my own donation in about a month."

WRL KEY/ORGANIZERS LIST

The WRL Staff maintains a WRL activist list of people who are doing organizing (within or outside a WRL local) or are willing to do organizing whether that be passing out a leaflet, organizing a demonstration, or participating in a discussion group.

The Key/Organizers list receives special mailings which include the bimonthly WRL ORGANIZERS' BULLETIN, plus periodic action memos. If you are interested in being on this list, fill out the coupon below and include $5 (per year) to cover postage and printing costs.

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what makes a city work and suggests the many ways in which we can influence that process.

In *Growing up Female in America: Ten Lives* ($1.95), Eve Merriam says in her introduction: "No ten women however diversified their life styles, could possibly represent what it was like growing up female in America. These specimen lives, portrayed first hand through autobiographies, diaries, journals and letters, are intended as a beginning..."

And a fascinating beginning they are. Starting with a New England schoolgirl born in 1783 and ending with a Winnebago Indian who died in 1960, we hear at first hand what it was like to be a woman in America. Some of the women who speak to us are well-known—Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mother Jones—others are obscure. My favorite is Arvazine Angeline Cooper (1845-1929) who crossed the plains from Missouri to Oregon as a young woman, pregnant with her second child and caring for her little girl, just over a year old.

The difficult journey is full of marvelous details—of her daughter Belle whose favorite pursuit was washing a dishrag in a water bucket—of visiting an Indian household and admiring the little hammock in which an Indian infant slept—and finally a wonderful account of her two-month-old son's reaction to the first house he was ever in: he "...noticed the difference and cried to be taken out where he could see the sky...."

Until recently, women were largely missing from history. Now that is being changed; lives are being resurrected; the voices of women long dead heard for the first time. This is a fascinating introduction to the history of American women and will lead the reader to want to seek more.

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